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EARL RAY TOMBLIN

March 20, 2015

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant Secretary of State Building 1, Suite 157-K State Capitol Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0770

Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 347

Dear Secretary of State Tennant:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return the Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 347. Law enforcement officers throughout the state have voiced overwhelming opposition to this bill. In light of their concerns and in the interest of public safety, I believe a veto is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Earl Ray Tomblin

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Governor

cc: The Hon. William P. Cole III
President of the Senate

The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates